Statement-I

Coverage Under National Child Labour Project

Sl. No.	Name of States	No. of Dist. Covered	Sanctioned	Covergare	Actual No. of Sch.	Coverage No. of children
			No. of Sch.	No. of Children		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	20	807	43,550	610	36,249
2.	Bihar	08	174	12,200	173	10,094
3.	Gujarat	02	040	2,000	023	1,254
4.	Karnataka	03	100	5,000	024	1,200
5.	Madhya Pradesh	05	138	9,800	087	6,524
6.	Maharashtra	02	074	3,700	024	1,200
7.	Orissa	16	430	33,000	239	14,972
8.	Rajasthan	02	060	3,000	054	2,700
9.	Tamil Nadu	08	379	19,500	307	14,684
10.	Uttar Pradesh	04	150	11,500	105	7,488
11.	West Bengal	06	219	12,000	164	8,250
	TOTAL	76	2571	1,55,250	1810	1,04,615

Exemption of IOC and ONGC from Operation of EPF Act

245. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on exemption of IOC, ONGC from the operation of Employees Provident Fund and Misc. Provisions (Amendment) Act, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CPFC, Delhi and RPFC, Kanpur and Maharashtra have initiated any action against IOC and ONGC for violation of the said Act and also have received PF deposits in terms of the Act from ONGC, IOC Ltd.;

(d) if so, the amount, the aforesaid two Corporations have deposited till date and what amount is due from ONGC and IOC;

(e) whether Government have granted pension to the applicants of IOC; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The application for exemption from operation of the Employees' Pension Scheme submitted by the IOC has been considered and rejected. However, no exemption application in the prescribed proforma has been received by the Government in respect of the ONGC.

(c) and (d) The EPF Authorities are taking necessary action against the IOC and ONGC for securing compliance under the EPF & MP Act, 1952. The actual amount due from the IOC and ONGC under the Act is being worked out.

(e) and (f) For payment of pension under the EPS, a member is required to submit a formal application to the concerned Regional Provident Fund Commissioner (RPFC). So far, no application in the prescribed proforma has been submitted to the EPF Authorities. Necessary action for payment of pension to the eligible members of the IOC will be taken as and when the requisite applications are submitted to the concerned RPFC.

बाल श्रम का उन्मूलन

246. **प्रो॰ राम बख्श सिंह वर्मा:**
श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बाल श्रम उन्मूलन संबंधी राष्ट्रीय प्राधिकरण ने उत्तर प्रदेश में ऐसे जिलों की पहचान की है जिनमें सर्वाधिक संख्या में बाल श्रमिक कार्यरत हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा बाल श्रम को पूरी तरह से समाप्त करने और उनके पुनर्वास के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० पी० वीरेन्द्र कुमार): (क) से (ग) 1981 की जनगणना के आधार पर, राष्ट्रीय बाल श्रम उन्मूलन प्राधिकरण ने देश में सर्वाधिक बाल श्रम की बहुलता वाले 100 जिलों की पहचान की है जिनमें उत्तर प्रदेश के 1 जिलें अर्थात् देवरिया, आजमगढ़, मिर्जापुर और बस्ती शामिल हैं। राष्ट्रीय बाल श्रम परियोपजना संबंधी योजना के अंतर्गत, मिर्जापुर जिले के लिए एक परियोजना को मंजूरी प्रदान की गयी है। जबकि सरकार अन्य जिलों में परियोजना का विस्तार करने पर विचार कर रही थी, उच्चतम न्यायालय ने दिनांक 10.12.96 के अपने निर्णय में जोखिमकारी व्यवसायों में कार्यरत बालकों को कार्य से हटाए जाने और पुनर्वासित किए जाने की विधि तथा गैर-जोखिमकारी व्यवसायों में कार्यरत बालकों की कार्य परिस्थितियों को विनियमित किए जाने तथा उन्हें बेहतर बनाए जाने की विधि के बारे में अनेक दिशा-निर्देश जारी कर दिये। उच्चतम न्यायालय के निर्णय के कार्यान्वयन के लिए समुचित कदम उठाने शुरू कर दिए गए हैं।

Labour based Technology for removing unemployment

247. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage labour based technology for removing unemployment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (c) The approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. Greater productive employment will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

Schemes to provide training in North Eastern States

248. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to State:

(a) the details of the schemes launched to provide Training to the labourers of the unorganised sector in the North Eastern States during the last three years, Statewise;

(b) whether Government propose to set up more training institutes in these States during the Ninth Plan period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds earmarked for 1997-98 for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Scheme on Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM) is an important centrally assisted scheme in this category. It is being implemented in all the states including North-Eastern states. This scheme aims at providing basic technical and managerial skills to the rural youth from families below the poverty line to enable them to take up self employment and wage employment in the fields of agriculture and allied sectors, industries, services and business activities. The State Governments implement the scheme through District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs). Central assistance to states is on 50:50 basis. The statement showing statewise targets and achievements during the last three years for North-Eastern States is attached *(See below)*.

Details of other schemes are being collected.